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Education

Ph.D., Comparative Literature, Indiana University, Bloomington, 2001

Academic Appointment

School of Languages and Cultures Purdue University, Associate Professor (2013- present) School of Languages and Cultures Purdue University, Chair, ASL ACHI (August 2014-present) School of Languages and Cultures, Purdue University, Assistant Professor (2007- 2013) Affiliated faculty, Comparative Literature, Purdue University (2008- present) Affiliated faculty, Religious Studies, Purdue University (2010- present) Affiliated faculty, Literature and Philosophy Program, Purdue University (2013- present) Purdue Faculty Liaison CIC Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum (DISC) Fall 2015-present

Research Grants, Awards and Honors

Recipient, Margo Katherine Wilke Undergraduate Research Internship Program spring 2019 Recipient, SAIL Grant (Semester Abroad Intercultural Leadership) fall 2018 Recipient, SAIL Intercultural Pedagogy Grant (IPG) fall 2018 Recipient, SAIL Grant (Semester Abroad Intercultural Leadership) fall 2017 Co-PI One Community Grant (in Collaboration with GMN (Graduate Muslim Network) for Diversity in Spring Fest 2017. Recipient, INNOVATE Grant (\$ 5000) Revising the Arabic Minor and Arab Studies speakers (2016) Recipient, NEH Bridging Cultures: Let's Talk About It, ii WL Public Library - Co-PI (summer/fall 2014) Recipient, NEH Bridging Cultures: Let's Talk About It, WL Public Library - Co-PI (spring 2013) Recipient, Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion Award at Purdue (spring 2013) Recipient, NEH Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journey Bookshelf Award, WL Public Library - Co-PI (Spring 2012) Fellow, the Stockholm Collegium of World Literary History (spring 2012- present) Recipient, Centre for Undergraduate Instruction Excellence Fellowship 2011-2012 Recipient, Library Scholars Grant, Spring 2011. Nominated, CLA Award for Educational Excellence, 2010-2011. Recipient, FLL Outstanding Teaching Award, 2009-2010. Recipient, CIBER Curriculum Development Award (Short-term Study Abroad Course to the Middle East), summer 2010. Recipient, CIBER Curriculum Development Award, Purdue University, summer 2009. Recipient, Fulbright Ph.D. Fellowship, 1996-2000. American Comparative Literature Association Travel Grant, 2001. Departmental Travel Grant, Indiana University-Bloomington, spring 2001, summer 1999.

Publications

Book

Mutual 'Othering': Islam, Modernity and the Politics of Cross-Cultural Encounters in Pre-colonial Moroccan and European Travel Writing. (Albany, NY: SUNY Press. 2013) http://www.sunypress.edu/p-5724-mutual-othering.aspx

Journal, co-editor Global Business Languages Global Business Languages: Reaching In, Reaching Out, vol. 19, 2014

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- "Muhammad Kabā Saghanughu's Arabic Address on the Occasion of Emancipation in Jamaica." *William & Mary Quarterly* co-authored. April issue, 76 (2019). Forthcoming
- "Dialectics of Desire, Victimhood and Postcolonial Migrancy in Tahar Ben Jelloun's *Leaving Tangier*." *South Central Review* 30.2 (Summer 2013): 1-31.
- "Moroccan Nation-building and the Bildungsroman in 'Abdelkarīm Ghallāb's *Dafanā al-Mādī* and *al-Muʿallim ʿAlī*". *Middle Eastern Literatures* 16.2 (2013): 1-16.
- "Contesting French Aesthetics of Space and Nature Enjoyment in Moroccan Travel Writing in the 19th Century." *ARTL@S BULLETIN*, Vol. II, Issue 1 (Spring 2013): 14-22.
- "Illegal' Crossing, Historical Memory and Postcolonial Agency in Laila Lalami's Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits." Journal of North African Studies 17, 1: 143-156
- "The Maghreb: Liminality and the Genealogy of Cross-Cultural Perception," *Journal of Contemporary Thought* 21 (2005): 69-82.
- "Discordant Evangelical Visions, Ideological Intent and the Construction of the Reader in James Richardson's *Travels in Morocco* (1860)." *Working Papers on the Web. Vol. 7 October 2004.* <u>http://extra.shu.ac.uk/wpw/morocco/Idrissi/Idrissi.htm</u>

Book Chapters

"Content courses for students of Arabic as a foreign language: Arabic Literature and Arabic Culture" In *Arabic* دروس المحتوى لطلاب العربية الناطقين بغيرها: الأدب العربي والثقافة العربية" "

In *Teaching Arabic in the Global Era*. Cairo: Aladab Edition. (Forthcoming in 2019) "Burning, Memory and Postcolonial Agency in Laila Lalami's *Hope and Other Dangerous*

- Pursuits." In The Edinburgh Companion to the Arab Novel in English: The Politics of Anglo Arab and Arab American Literature and Culture, ed. Nouri Gana. Edinburgh University Press, 2013. 149-170
- "Identity, Gender, and Language in Synchronous Cybercultures: A Cross-Cultural Study." (With Gunawardena, C.N., Jayatilleke, G. & A., Bouachrine, F.). In *Learning Cultures*, eds. Robin Goodfellow and Marie Noelly Lamy. London: Continuum, 2009. 30-51.
- "Politics of Modern Cultural Geography: 'Amrāwī's Configurations of 19th century French Public Space." In *The world as a Global Agora: Critical Perspectives on Public Space*, eds. Larbi Touaf & Soumia Boutkhil. Newcastle Upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars publishing, 2008. 138-158.
- "Establishing Online Presence in Moroccan Interactive Internet Communication: Social Presence and Cultural Interaction in Online Environment." In *Language, Communication and Professional Life*, Conference Proceedings Series 18. University of Moulay Ismail, School of Arts and Humanities, Meknes, Morocco, 2007. 49-58
- "19th c British travel literature: a minor genre's struggle for canonicity." *Minority matters: society, theory, literature*. Ed. Larbi Touaf & Soumia Boutkhil. Oujda : Université Mohamed 1er, Faculté des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines, 2005. 287-297

Book Reviews

- Review of *Hamlet's Arab Journey: Shakespeare's Prince and Nasser's Ghost* by Margaret Litvin, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2011. *The European Legacy: Toward New paradigms*. 21. 8 (2016) 853–854.
- Review of *Journeys to the Other Shore: Muslim and Western Travelers in Search of Knowledge* by Roxanne L. Euben, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2006. *Studies in Travel Writing* 15.3 (2011): 311-313.

Encyclopedia Entries

- "al-Jābirī, Muḥammad Ṣāliḥ" [Jabiri Muhammad Salih], *Encyclopedia of Islam*, 3rd edition (Brill)-2018.
- "Abdel-Karim Ghallab." Encyclopedia of Islam, 3rd edition (Brill) forthcoming.
- 2008 "Leila Abouzeid." *Compendium of 20th Century World Novelists and Novels*. Ed. Michael D. Sollars. New York: Facts on File, 2008. 2-4.

Work in progress:

- "Emancipation Address as Creole Autobiography: Muhammad Kabā, an Enslaved Muslim in Jamaica." Co-authored; revised version, *Slavery & Abolition*, to resubmit this spring 2019.
- "Nation and Nationalism in Modern Egyptian Literature." To be submitted to Olakunle George (ed.), *Companion to African Literatures.* Wiley Blackwell, 2019.

Conference Papers

- "The Cultural Turn in Arabic Literary Production." A Conference in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the *Journal of Arabic Literature*. Columbia University, New York, NY, April 18-20, 2019.
- "Constructing New Transnational Homes in Contemporary Migratory Moroccan Writing." Middle East Studies Association (MESA), San Antonio, TX, November, 15-18, 2018.
- "Negotiating Intergenerational Cultural Boundaries in Moroccan-Dutch Writing." Modern Language Association (MLA) Philadelphia, PA, January 5-8, 2017).
- "Learner-generated content as/in experiential learning in Arabic summer study abroad programs." Middle East Studies Association Conference (Boston MA, November 17-20, 2016).
- "Arabic content courses: Arabic Culture and the Teaching of Arabic Literature in Translation دروس الأدب العربي المترجَم المحتويات العربية: الثقافة العربية وتدريس الأدب العربي المترجَم
 - Conference organized by Middlebury Language Schools and AL-Akhawayn University on "Teaching Arabic in the Global Era: Bridging the Gap between Study Abroad and Domestic Programs." Al- Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco May 16-18, 2016.
- "Romancing the Swamps: The Reconstitution of a Muslim-Arab Slave." Modern Language Association Conference (MLA) Austin, TX, January 7-10, 2016).
- "Resisting Neoliberal Subjectification in Laila Lalami's Secret Son." Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 49th Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH November 21-24, 2015
- "Zemmouri's 'Pilgrimage' West: Travel Writing as Narrative Resistance."
- The 57th Convention of the Midwest Modern Language Association (MMLA), Columbus, OH November 12-15, 2015
- "A Non-Christian Perspective," Panel on "*The Christians*" a play by Lucas Hnath, Hope College, Holland, MI, October 17, 2015
- "The Theology of Experience and the Transcultural Reinvention of Islamic Mysticism."

Modern Language Association Conference (Vancouver, BC, Canada January 9-12, 2015). "Anxieties of Diasporization and Impossible Returns in Abdelkader Benali's *Wedding by the Sea.*" Modern Language Association Conference (Chicago, IL, January 9-12, 2014).

- "The Performance of Berber Identity in Laila Lalami's *Secret Son*." Middle East Studies Association Conference (New Orleans LA, October 10-23, 2013).
- "Barbary Captives and the Rewriting of Slavery Discourse and Abolition." Transatlantic & Interdisciplinary Approaches to Slavery Conference, Purdue University (West Lafayette IN, September 26-27, 2013).
- "Transcultural Islam and Political Islam." 66th Annual Kentucky Foreign language Conference. University of Kentucky- Lexington. 18-20 April 2013.
- "Islam and Islamic Culture and the Teaching of Arabic Literature in Translation," Middle East Studies Association Conference (Denver CO, November 17-20, 2012).
- "Contesting French Aesthetics of Space and Nature Enjoyment in Moroccan Travel Writing in the 19th century," The Spaces of Arts: Thinking the National and Transnational in a Global Perspective conference, Purdue University (West Lafayette IN, September 27-29, 2012).
- "Constructions of Islam and Islamism in the Novels of Tahar Ben Jelloun." 65th Annual Kentucky Foreign language Conference. University of Kentucky- Lexington. 19-21 April 2012.
- "Literary History of the Maghreb." African Literary History Workshop: Harvard University, March 4-5, 2012.
- "Al-Hajwi's Systematization of Fiqh and the Project of Moderate Liberal Reform in Morocco." 64th Annual Kentucky Foreign language Conference. University of Kentucky- Lexington. 14-16 April 2011.
- "Nation Building and Bildungsroman in Abdelkarim Ghallab's *Dafanā al-Mādī* and *al-Muʿallim ʿAli.*" Maghreb Literature[s] Across Boundaries - Program in Moroccan Studies Center for Middle Eastern Studies. Harvard 22-24 October 2009.
- "The Trials and Tribulations of Moroccan Arabness." American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA) 2009 Annual Meeting: Global Languages, Local Cultures. Cambridge, MA, March 26-29, 2009.
- "Womanhood and the Construction of Domesticity in *Tales of Fez.*" MESA (Middle East Studies Association), Washington DC, November 22-25, 2008.
- "Cultural Frontier and 'Illegal' Crossing in Laila Lalami's *Hope and Other dangerous Pursuits*" FLL Faculty Colloquia Series- March 4, 2008.
- "Embattled Visions of Emancipation and the Socio-Politics of 'Illegal' Crossing in Laila Lalami's *Hope and Other dangerous Pursuits*". 61st KFCL Conference, Lexington April 17-19, 2008.
- "The Politics of Modern Cultural Geography: Moroccan Configurations of 19th century European Space," International Conference on Public Space: Text & Context, Oujda (Morocco), March 12-16, 2007.
- "Inscriptions of the Maghreb in 19th Century American Travel Writing," American Literature Association, Boston, MA, 26-28 May, 2005.
- "Social Presence, Interaction, and Culture in Moroccan Cybercafé Communication," Language, Communication and Professional Life Conference," Université Moulay Ismail. April 19-21, 2005.
- "Trading Spaces in Charles Sumner's *White Slavery*", Space in/and Literature. Fes-Sais, December 2-3, 2004.
- "Loti's 'Half-Arab Soul'-Romantic Self-fashioning and Exotic Vision in *Au Maroc*," Colloque "l'Autre et l'Ailleurs," Fes-Sais, November 23-24, 2004.
- "19th c. British Travel Literature: a Minor Genre's Struggle for Canonicity." The International Symposium on Minorities and Minor Literatures, Oujda, Morocco. January 21-23, 2004.
- "Rewriting Slavery from the 'Edge'." Margins of Theories and Theories of Margins, Tétouan, Morocco. December 12-14, 2002.

- "Abolitionism and the Rhetoric of Female Emancipation in Amelia Perrier's *A Winter in Morocco* (1873)." 10th Annual 18th- and 19th-Century British Women Writers Conference: Evolving Domains of Knowledge and Representation, University of Wisconsin-Madison. April 19-21, 2002.
- "Destabilizing Outsiderdom in Amelia Perrier's *A Winter in Morocco*." Exiles and Outsiders: An International Conference. Tangier, Morocco. April 25 26, 2002.
- "Subaltern Figurations of the West: Three Nineteenth-Century Moroccan Travel Accounts." Topos/Chronos: Aesthetics for a New Millennium. (American Comparative Literature Association). University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. April 20-22, 2001.
- "The Implied Reader and the Travel Writing of James Richardson: The Negotiation Between the Sub-text and Pre-text." Writing the Journey: A Conference on American, British and Anglophone Travel Writers and Writing. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. June 10-13, 1999.
- "History, Literature & the Discourse of an Anti-Slavery Crusader: Charles Sumner's *White Slavery in the Barbary States.*" Conference on Discourse Analysis, Université Mohammed I, Oujda, Morocco. March 1995.

Other:

- Co-organizer, MLA 2020 Panel: "Orientalism, Philology, World Literature." Global Arab and Arab American Forum (MLA 2020). Pending MLA Review Committee decision)
- Organizer, MESA 2019 Panel: "Worlding Arabic Literature through Transnational Contexts." Middle East Studies Association (New Orleans, LA, 14-17 November 2019) Pending MESA Review Committee decision)
- Organizer, MESA Panel: "Study Abroad in Comparative Contexts: Towards an Integrated Approach." Middle East Studies Association (Boston, MA 17-21 November 2016)
- Third Annual Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum Meeting, Chicago, IL April 22. 2016.
- Organizer, MESA Panel: "Negotiating the Intellectual Legacy of the 1960s in Contemporary Cultural Production in Morocco." Middle East Studies Association (Denver, CO 21-24, November, 2015)
- Organizer, MESA Panel: "Transatlantic Maghreb: Comparative Contexts and Transnational Frames," Middle East Studies Association Conference (Washington DC, October 22-25, 2014).
- Organizer, MESA Panel: "Race, Ethnicity and Politics in North African Literature, History and Culture," Middle East Studies Association Conference (New Orleans LA, October 10-13, 2013).
- Discussant and Reporter, Panel on "Prospects and Strategies," Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language (TAFL) Study Day (Al-Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco, June 29, 2013).
- Organizer, Panel on "Contemporary Islam in a Global Cultural Context: How We Teach in the Humanities," Middle East Studies Association Conference (Denver CO, November 17-20, 2012).
- Panel Chair- Media and the Construction of the Muslim Other 1
- Panel chair- Media and the Construction of the Muslim Other 2
- Re-visioning Terrorism, an Interdisciplinary and International Conference- Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. September 8-10, 2011.
- Discussant- Iraqi Traumas since the 1990s: Haunting Traces and Shifting Boundaries, Part I Discussant-Iraqi Traumas since the 1990s: Haunting Traces and Shifting Boundaries, Part II MESA '09- 43rd Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association Boston, MA. Nov 21-24, 2009

Reviewer

Reviewer, PRF Grant Applications (spring 2019)

- Reviewer/evaluator, PMLA, February 2019
- Reviewer/evaluator, Routledge Book proposal, " Intercultural Education for Reconciliation and Curriculum Theorizing: Medieval Muslim Philosophers and Contemporary Educational Methods," December 2018
- Reviewer/evaluator, *Al-'Arabiyya: Journal of the American Association of Teachers of Arabic*, fall 2018
- Reviewer/evaluator, Comparative Literature, December 2018.
- Reviewer/Evaluator, Journal of the African Literature Association (fall 2018)
- Reviewer, Boren Scholarships & Fellowships for MENA Panel –March 2, 2017, Institute of International Education (IIE), Washington D.C.)
- Reviewer, Journal of North African Studies (Spring 2017)
- Reviewer, Boren Scholarships & Fellowships for MENA Panel –February 2016, Institute of International Education (IIE), Washington D.C.)
- Reviewer, *Al-'Arabiyya: The Journal of the American Association of Teachers of Arabic* (2015present)
- Reviewer/Evaluator Global Business Language Vol. 19 (fall 2014)
- Reviewer Global Business Language Vol. 18 (fall 2013)

Reviewer, Pearson Prentice-Hall

Reviewer, Center of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas Press.

Reviewer/evaluator, Syracuse University Press (2014)

Reviewer, Journal of Middle East Women Studies (2014)

Reviewer, *Middle Eastern Literatures* (2014)

Reviewer, Revisioning Terrorism, Purdue University (2012)

SLC Committees:

- Executive Committee (August 2014-present)
- Language for Business and Technology Committee (2012-present)
- Level 1-4 Coordinators Committee (2010- present)
- Graduate Language Examiners Committee (2007- present)

CLA Committees:

Member, Diversity Advisory Committee (LADAC) (2016-2018) Affiliate Faculty member, Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion (2012- present) Member, Centre for Undergraduate Instruction Excellence Fellowship Committee (2013-present) Advisor, Purdue Arab Society (PAS) fall 2016-present

National or International Recognition

- Member, Editorial Board, *Ikhtilaf* Journal of Critical Humanities and Social Studies (spring 2017-present) <u>http://www.identityanddifference.org/contents/aboutjournal.html</u>
- Member, Executive Committee, MLA Global Arab and Arab American Forum (fall 2016present)
- Member, Faculty Liaisons Committee, CIC Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum (DISC) fall 2015present

Member, Editorial Board *Al-'Arabiyya: Journal of the American Association of Teachers of Arabic* Spring 2015-present <u>http://aataweb.org/alarabiyya</u>

Member of Task Force for Intensive Arabic Summer Program/Arabic and North African Studies Program (ARANAS) Al-Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco (Summer 2013) Fellow, the Stockholm Collegium of World Literary History (2012-Present) http://www.orient.su.se/polopoly_fs/1.146090.1378801800!/menu/standard/file/SCWHL2013.pdf

Professional Affiliations

MESA (Middle East Studies Association) MLA (Modern Language Association) AATA (Association of American Teachers of Arabic) CRLV (Centre de Recherche sur la Littérature des Voyages) Université de Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV) ISTW (International Society for Travel Writing) SATW (Society for American Travel Writing)